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of Appeals.

LAWYERS WILL SEE WILSON

President, in Making Appoint-  
ment, Will Be Urged to Con-  
sider the Record.

While eminent lawyers from the five States in the Fourth Judicial Circuit are seeking the appointment as United States Circuit Judge to succeed Judge Nathan Goff, who has been elected to the United States Senate from West Virginia, the argument will be strongly impressed upon President Wilson that by every right the honor should fall to Virginia. This claim is based upon the fact that Virginia has never had a circuit judge. Judge Bond, who was first named when the circuit was formed, was a native of Maryland; Judge Simonton came from South Carolina; Judge Richard, who succeeded him, is a native of North Carolina. When another circuit judge was added the appointment fell to Judge Goff. The record will be presented to President Wilson in support of the claim that Virginia's time has come.

If this argument should carry any weight with the new President, it would seem that a Virginian might be elevated to the bench, although so many things figure that no one can tell what might happen. It is certain, however, that the President will be urged to give preference to his own State, not because he was born here, but because it has never been represented by a Virginia circuit judge on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Many Already at Work.  
Already a number of Richmond lawyers are seeking the appointment, while friends of other Richmond lawyers are active in their behalf. But lawyers in other Virginia cities are coming to the front, and in the selection of Judge Goff's successor, President Wilson will face a political problem of some magnitude. Four of the five States in the Fourth Circuit are expected to combat the idea that the honor this time should fall to Virginia, and the majority will come back with all the power at their command to keep one State from monopolizing it.

Even North Carolina, which has the lone circuit judge since Judge Goff is resigning, will not withhold its candidate several names having been mentioned in connection with the place. South Carolina lawyers are grooming former Governor Martin F. Aiken, who fought for Wilson's nomination long before delegates were elected to the Baltimore convention. A dozen lawyers in Baltimore, who are prominent at the bar and prominent in the political councils of the State, will enter the field, while West Virginia has already come to the front with a host of candidates, headed by John T. McGraw, national committee-man, a Wilson supporter, who helped swing the tide from Champ Clark in the Democratic National Convention. Of all lawyers whose names have been printed, McGraw is the only one who has been seriously considered as a member of the President's Cabinet. His friends declare that he does not desire a Cabinet portfolio, that he rather prefers a seat on the Federal bench.

Early Appointment Necessary.  
Judge Goff has already indicated that he would resign about the middle of March—certainly before the extra session of Congress convenes in December. It will be necessary for the President to make the appointment as soon thereafter as possible, for the court work will be interrupted by the delay. It is probable that many of the candidates now in the field would have been there had President Taft been called upon to designate a judge. At all events, the field is growing larger every day, and while Virginia occupies a strong position, lawyers do not get into a position of being called upon to designate a judge. A Virginian must be elected before the end of the year.

Among Richmond lawyers in the race are Henry R. Pollard, City Attorney; Archibald W. Patterson, who was a member of Woodrow Wilson's law class at the University of Virginia; and Willis B. Smith, Richard Evelyn Byrd and Charles W. Meredith, while not avowed candidates, are considered as being in the race. It was reported that friends of Harry St. George Tucker would urge him to seek the appointment. Tucker has heretofore been suggested as an available man for the Wilson Cabinet, but in the many slates which have been offered daily his name does not appear.

The secrecy which President-Elect Wilson has thrown about the selection of his Cabinet gives no intimation as to the program he will follow in filling important offices. The task will be difficult enough if he is to regard personal friendship alone—which he is not expected to do—but if appointments are to be made where the States are concerned, with regard to the effects in States which are politically doubtful, the chances would seem to favor Virginia, with Maryland next.

Incidentally, Judge Goff served from West Virginia. President Wilson will be strongly urged to let the glory go elsewhere.

TAX REFORM SCOPE  
MUST BE GENERAL

Dr. Freeman Outlines Definite  
Program in Address Before  
Credit Men.

RICHMOND PAYING MOST

Action of Chamber in Urging an  
Aroused Public Opinion Is  
Commended.

A definite program of legislation, general in its scope, with representatives pledged to support it, and organized public opinion behind it, was laid down as essential to successful tax reform in Virginia by Dr. Douglas Freeman in an address before the Richmond Association of Credit Men at the Business Men's Club last night. His remarks were received with great enthusiasm. He was given a ringing vote of thanks, and a resolution was adopted providing for a committee to study the question and aid in acting upon suggestions.

"The reform must be general in its scope," Dr. Freeman said, "because no one class can hope to succeed alone in the conservation of the new papers are now urging in their editorials. Almost any man will promise that, but he does not take the promise in general, as the reform which will affect his own country. Therefore legislators must be pledged to the support of a definite scheme.

"I am glad to see that the Chamber of Commerce is taking steps to organize and form public opinion on this question. Without it the movement will never succeed. The Assembly, after all, cannot be severely blamed, and I believe that when the people are fully aware of what they want, we will have men in the legislature who will see that they get it.

"It is only by legislative reform, and not by inquisitorial methods, that the evils can be remedied. If inquisitorial methods are continued, the result will be to drive capital from Virginia. Persons having intangibles invested here will remove them to Washington for safety.

"The recent investigation by a grand jury into the assessment of bank deposits in Richmond was justifiable only because it revealed differences between the burdens carried by individuals. It resulted in the withdrawal of \$2,000,000 from Richmond banks. This is a law which imposes a tax on bank deposits, and is an outrage to average intelligence."

Dr. Freeman characterized the Virginia tax code as antiquated and a disgrace, adding that there is not a worse code in the United States, and that much of the verbiage is still that of a period before the Civil War. The inequalities which result he placed in three classes—those between localities, between classes of property and between individuals.

Richmond Pays the Freight.  
The average assessment of property in the city is on about a 100 percent basis, while in many of the counties the assessment does not average 25 percent. I know of a house on West Franklin Street which was assessed at \$101,000, and this is a sample case here. I know of some fine bluegrass land in Washington County which is assessed at \$15 an acre and assessed at \$15 an acre, and such cases are not rare in the delinquent counties. The citizens of Richmond are paying the road and school taxes and the pensions for other parts of the State.

"Banks in Virginia pay taxes on about 90 percent of all they possess, and the rest is paid by the State. I know of a widow whose sole support is an income of \$150 a year from \$3,000 of invested property which she has in the State. The State takes \$2 in tax out of the \$150 annually. The tax law which thus robs a widow is a disgrace to the State of Virginia."

Dr. Freeman also pointed out the necessity for a reappointment of the House if effective tax legislation is to be obtained, declaring that under the present arrangement a majority of the House is made up of the thirty-eight delinquent counties can defeat the majority by allying with the minority.

"The representation must be so apportioned that it represents people, instead of scrub timber and broomsedge fields," he said.

Association Growing.  
There were about 100 present at the supper and meeting which was the last quarterly gathering of the association before the annual meeting in May. President John S. Harwood presided. O. J. Sands, president of the American National Bank, introduced a resolution to the effect that the members should write to Representatives and Senators urging the necessity for immediate tax reform.

Colonel Jo Lane Stern, secretary of the association, delivered his report, showing that the membership has grown since the beginning of the association from thirty-five to 175. Others who spoke were W. B. Broadbent, Rev. G. W. Kemper, D. D., of the Hanover Avenue Christian Church; Julian H. Jones, of Petersburg; R. M. Kent, Jr., Wallace Banks and F. M. Dalton, of Petersburg.

To Preach at Emmanuel.  
Rev. F. E. Warren, rector of Meade Memorial Church, will preach at Emmanuel Church, Henrico, tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

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JOURNEY PORTER  
KILLS HIMSELF

Deputy Clerk of Chancery Court  
Cuts His Throat With Razor,  
Dying Instantly.

Algermon C. ("Journey") Porter, fifty-four years old, for more than twenty years a deputy clerk of the Chancery Court, committed suicide yesterday morning about 7 o'clock by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Porter killed himself in the bathroom of his home, 2911 East Marshall Street. Melancholia was given as the cause for his act.

For three weeks Mr. Porter had been under treatment at the Virginia Hospital. However, he was not confined in bed, but allowed to walk about the institution. He was visited Monday night by Mrs. Porter. She was surprised shortly after she returned home to see him enter the front door. She hurriedly telephoned the hospital and the authorities there were surprised to learn he had left. It was thought Mr. Porter had merely stepped on the front porch for a few minutes. Mrs. Porter was directed to put her husband to bed at once and was told what treatment she was to administer. Mr. Porter told his wife he wanted to come home, for he felt better and thought he would recover more quickly under her care. He had borrowed car fare from E. J. Warren, the aged City Auditor, who is a patient at the hospital.

Cheerful Before He Died.

When he awoke yesterday morning Mr. Porter talked cheerfully with his wife, and he went downstairs to prepare breakfast. She was talking with her brother, Newton Lee, who had called to inquire about Mr. Porter, when she heard something fall. She thought it was her son, Newton, Porter, getting out of bed. She ran upstairs, but found her son asleep. Mr. Porter was not in his room, and a frantic search soon revealed to her his body in a pool of his own blood upon the bathroom floor. Her screams attracted other members of the household and neighbors. Dr. Hugh M. Taylor was hurriedly summoned, but he could be of no assistance. Mr. Porter had apparently died instantly, having severed the jugular vein.

Mr. Porter was widely known. His death came as a shock to his host of friends, to whom he had always been cheerful and in the best of humor. Mr. Porter was a native of King and Queen counties. He came to Richmond when a child. After leaving school he became a bookkeeper for the firm of Thaxton & Nicholas. More than twenty years ago he became a deputy clerk under Clerk Charles Giddin, of the Chancery Court, and retained that office under Major Charles O. Saville. He was promoted to major Saville as one of the most efficient members of his staff.

Besides a widow, Mr. Porter leaves two sons—Newton L. Porter, of Richmond, and Dr. Porter, Jr., of Chicago; two daughters—Mrs. B. W. Langford and Miss Ruth Porter, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Ryland, also of Arkansas.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence. Interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery. The pallbearers will be: Wallace F. Brown, Arden Howell, Albert T. August, A. S. Buford, L. Harney Frisvold, and other members of the Odd-Fellows, yet to be named.

NEGRO IS FINED \$25  
FOR RESISTING POLICEMAN

Arthur Bailey, colored, was fined \$25 and costs yesterday morning in Police Court on the charge of "violently resisting" Patrolman G. A. Jennings. Bailey was arrested Monday on the charge of resisting arrest. When the officer was calling for the patrol at Second and Byrd Street a friend of the prisoner attempted to free him by throwing bricks at the officer. Jennings shot twice at his assailant, but he escaped. Bailey made desperate efforts to escape while Jennings was thus occupied, but was not successful.

To Address Suffrage League.  
Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock Dr. Douglas Freeman will give a public address in the headquarters, at 800 East Broad Street, of the Equal Suffrage League, on "The Development of Suffrage."

The doors of headquarters will be thrown wide to welcome all who come. Mrs. Kate Langley Bower will be the chairman of the evening. Mr. Valentin will return from Petersburg in time to be present at the meeting, and Miss Johnston, who is spending the week in Richmond, will also be one of the audience.

Judgment Entered.  
In the case of R. H. Stultz, against R. Francione and R. H. Stultz, tried yesterday in the City Circuit Court, a jury verdict and judgment were rendered for Stultz against Francione in the sum of \$15, and the action was dismissed as to Stultz.

Street Car Matter Postponed.  
The meeting of the Subcommittee on Streets, called to consider the proposed extension of street car lines into the eastern and western sections of the city, adjourned yesterday afternoon without taking action on account of the absence of Captain Francis, one of the members of the subcommittee. Chairman Ordway Fuller stated that a later date would be set to suit the convenience of all parties. There were present a number of Stuart Avenue citizens ready to take their stand against any additional tracks in Lee District.

Injured Boy Recovering.  
William James McDowell, the ten-year-old son of Alfred H. McDowell, of 172 Park Avenue, who was run down by an automobile about three weeks ago, was able to sit up yesterday for the first time, and was believed to be steadily recovering from his injuries.

Measles Record.  
Seventy-three cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. More than 100 old cases were released from quarantine, the period of contagion having passed. There were no additional deaths, the number since the epidemic began last November remaining at twelve.

HE MAY KNOW OF  
BAROODY MURDER

Negro Arrested as Suspect in  
Mystery, Which Has Baffled  
Police Since Christmas.

Isaac Howard, the seventeen-year-old negro for whom the police have been searching in the belief that he has knowledge of the murder of Elias Baroody, the North Second Street confectioner, on December 23, was arrested last night by Officers Taylor and Sims, but not until he gave them a chase and a stiff fight.

Howard was seen by Taylor and Sims, who were in citizens' clothes, at Second and Broad Streets. But he recognized them as policemen, started to run. He was chased nearly a block before he was caught, and then he offered stout resistance. He was not subdued until he had been knocked down three times. The first words the prisoner uttered when he was able to speak were: "Boss, I never killed that Syrian."

He was taken to the Second Police Station, but he was so badly frightened that the officers could get little information from him. Finally he declared that George Cook, a negro now out of jail, had killed Baroody. Later he said he was outside of Baroody's store. This he afterward denied. Beyond saying Cook hit the confectioner nothing could be learned from him. The police, however, are almost certain that Howard will be the means of clearing the mystery surrounding the murder of Baroody.

Baroody's murder was most brutal. He was attacked with a hatchet while in the rear of his store. Evidently there was a rain of blows upon his head. He was found unconscious by Patrolman Howell, who saw a trail of blood flowing under the door and into the street. Baroody was removed to the hospital, but died a few days later. Father Hannigan, of the crime. How much money was taken was never definitely learned. The police have been vigorously at work on the case. So far it has proved a complete mystery. It is now expected that Howard may be able to throw some light on the matter. He will be held as a suspicious character suspected of having committed a felony.

Detention Home for Juveniles.  
At a subcommittee of the Council on Children on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, Rev. Father Hannigan, Dr. James Buchanan and others active in the work of the juvenile court, were heard on the ordinance providing for a detention home for juveniles. The ordinance, embodying the plan outlined, was recommended, and the Committee on Children will meet on Friday night to consider the paper.

Questions Constitutional of Act.  
In the trial of Albert H. Bates, charged with harboring Anna May White, a young girl, for immoral purposes, Attorney H. M. Smith yesterday raised the question of the constitutionality of the ordinance which provides for a detention home for juveniles. The law point was argued before Judge Richardson in the Chancery Court and submitted. The judge taking time to consider his decision.

Qualifies as Executor.  
The Virginia Trust Company qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executor of the estate of Charles P. Young. The estate is valued at \$2,005.

CHURCH LUNCHEON.  
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This column is the directory for the young man or woman just arriving in town and for those contemplating a change.

Third Musical Tea  
Indefinitely Postponed

Word was received late last night that, owing to the inability of Mrs. Rider-Kelsey to appear, the third Musical Tea, which was to have been given at the Jefferson Auditorium at 4 o'clock to-day, has been indefinitely postponed. The management has announced that the subscription price to this tea will be returned to subscribers.

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GAS FRANCHISE  
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Goes to Town Council of High-  
land Park for Approval  
Monday Night.

A franchise providing a gas system for Highland Park, which will furnish all parts of that suburb with gas of standard quality, was drawn up at a meeting in the office of M. C. Doubles yesterday afternoon. Those present were F. L. Marshall, representing the Town Council; M. C. Doubles, chairman; F. B. Evenden and F. S. Bullington.

The franchise, as drafted by this committee, will be reported to the Town Council of Highland Park at a special meeting to be held Monday night, and will doubtless be ratified, it is said. The provision that the system be extended immediately to practically all parts of the town is made necessary, it is said, by the rapidity with which residences are being built in Highland Park, the number of them having doubled in four years. The franchise provides that the gas shall be furnished at \$1.10 a thousand during the first five years, \$1 a thousand the next ten years, and ninety cents a thousand for the remaining fifteen years, during which the franchise will be effective.

"SMOKEY" IS NABBED

Negro Who Stopped Away From Deputy  
City Sergeant Is Recaptured.

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Paraphrase Pulpit

RELIGION AND REFORM.  
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CLUB LUNCHEON TO DAY

Advertising Men to Arrange for Reception  
to President Coleman.

The regular luncheon of the Richmond Advertising Club will be held today at 1 o'clock at Burger's.

Full Runaway Youth.  
A telegram was received last night by Chief of Police Warner from the Philadelphia department, requesting that I. W. Mackey, eighteen years old, who was arrested here Monday night on the charge of being a fugitive from his parents.

What Mrs. Woodrow Wilson

Spends as her dress allowance is a question which is agitating many prominent Washington women at present. The sum which she has set as her yearly expenditure for clothes seems to their minds too meagre. Mrs. Wilson, however, with many other well-dressed, though economical women, has solved her problems through a realization of the relative values of material things. It is a broad subject and a vital one to every woman. WHAT-EVER she spends on her wardrobe, WHATEVER her personal allowance, THE WOMAN WHO PLANS has the advantage every time over the woman who buys in a haphazard fashion.

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